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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fortieth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 22 October to 9 November 1990. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 October 1990 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fortieth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fortieth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its thirty-ninth session, the Committee decided that two working groups established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its fortieth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 to 19 October 1990.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its thirty-ninth session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the fortieth session; to consider any draft that may be put before it updating the Committee's general comments on articles 7 and 10 of the Covenant; and to review some possible modifications of the Committee's procedures under article 40 of the Covenant in the light of the discussion on that subject at the Committee's thirty-ninth session.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fortieth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Madagascar	Second periodic report due in 1983	(CCPR/C/28/Add.13)
Panama	Second periodic report due in 1986	(CCPR/C/42/Add.7)
Sri Lanka	Second periodic report due in 1986	(CCPR/C/42/Add.9)
Jordan	Second periodic report due in 1987	(CCPR/C/46/Add.4)
Austria	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.2)
German Democratic Republic	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.1)
Czechoslovakia	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.4)
Byelorussian SSR	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.8)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.6)
Sweden	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.7)
Ecuador	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.9)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya, the Gambia and Panama which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the thirty-ninth session (27 July 1990) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	12
Niger	6 June 1987	6
Sudan	17 June 1987	6
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	3

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	14
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1983	14
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	13
Cyprus	18 August 1984	13
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	13
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	2
Gambia	21 June 1985	11
Suriname	2 August 1985	10
Venezuela	1 November 1985	10
Lebanon	21 March 1986	10
Kenya	11 April 1986	9
Mali	11 April 1986	9
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1986	9
Jamaica	1 August 1986	7
Netherlands Antilles	31 October 1986	2
Guyana	10 April 1987	7
Iceland	30 October 1987	6
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	5
Peru	9 April 1988	4
Egypt	13 April 1988	4
El Salvador	31 December 1988	3
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	2
Gabon a/	20 April 1989	2

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a/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Afghanistan	23 April 1989	2
Belgium	20 July 1989	2
Guinea	30 September 1989	2
Luxembourg	17 November 1989	1
Congo	4 January 1990	1
Zambia	9 July 1990	-
Bolivia	13 July 1990	-

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iran (Islamic Republic of) b/	21 March 1988	5
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya b/	4 February 1988	5
Lebanon b/	21 March 1988	5
Panama	6 June 1988	-
Madagascar	3 August 1988	4
Yugoslavia	3 August 1988	4
Bulgaria b/	28 April 1989	2
Romania	28 April 1989	2
Cyprus b/	18 August 1989	2
Syrian Arab Republic b/	18 August 1989	2
Poland	27 October 1989	2
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	1
Uruguay	21 March 1990	1
New Zealand	27 March 1990	1
Iraq	4 April 1990	1
Mongolia	4 April 1990	1
Senegal	4 April 1990	1
Gambia b/	21 June 1990	-
India	9 July 1990	-
Mauritius	18 July 1990	-

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's thirty-ninth session (27 July 1990) and the closing date of its fortieth session (9 November 1990)

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due
Togo	23 August 1990
Republic of Cameroon	26 September 1990

b/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Colombia	2 August 1990
Costa Rica	2 August 1990
Hungary	2 August 1990
Suriname b/	2 August 1990
Denmark	1 November 1990
Italy	1 November 1990
Venezuela b/	1 November 1990

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fortieth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Canada (second and third periodic)	CCPR/C/51/Add.1 and CCPR/C/64/Add.1	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	23 October 1990 24 October 1990
India (second periodic)	CCPR/C/37/Add.13	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	25 October 1990 26 October 1990
Spain (third periodic)	CCPR/C/58/Add.1 and Add.3	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	29 October 1990 30 October 1990
Ukrainian SSR (third periodic)	CCPR/C/58/Add.8	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	31 October 1990 1 November 1990
Finland (third periodic)	CCPR/C/58/Add.5	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	5 November 1990 6 November 1990
Morocco (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.10	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	7 November 1990 8 November 1990

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fortieth session.

Under this item, the Committee will also consider any draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and thirty-six communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 31 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 77 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT

Initial reports of States parties due in 1991

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Initial reports, in accordance with article 40, paragraph 1 (a), of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are due in 1991 from five States parties on the following dates:

Ireland	7 March 1991
Somalia	23 April 1991
Republic of Korea	9 July 1991
Burundi	8 August 1991
Malta	12 December 1991

2. The reports received from the States parties listed above will be issued as addenda to this document.

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT

Second periodic reports of States parties due in 1991

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Second periodic reports, in accordance with article 40, paragraph 1 (b), of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the decision on periodicity (CCPR/C/19/Rev.1) as adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its thirteenth session and subsequently amended at its sixteenth session, are due in 1991 from two States parties on the following dates:

Viet Nam	31 July 1991 1/
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991 2/

2. The reports received from States parties listed above will be issued in addenda to this document.

1/ Special decision taken at the Committee's 997th meeting.

2/ Special decision taken at the Committee's 973rd meeting.

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES
UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT

Third periodic reports of States parties due in 1991

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Third periodic reports, in accordance with article 40, paragraph 1 (b), of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the decision on periodicity (CCPR/C/19/Rev.1) as adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its thirteenth session and subsequently amended at its sixteenth session, are due in 1991 from 17 States parties on the following dates:

El Salvador	28 February 1991
Barbados	11 April 1991
Kenya	11 April 1991
Mali	11 April 1991
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1991
Nicaragua	11 June 1991
Zaire	31 July 1991 1/
Jamaica	1 August 1991
Norway	1 August 1991
Portugal	1 August 1991
Costa Rica	2 August 1991 2/
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991

Japan	31 October 1991
Morocco	31 October 1991
Netherlands	31 October 1991
Dominican Republic	31 October 1991 3/
Australia	12 November 1991

2. The reports received from States parties listed above will be issued in addenda to this document.

Notes

1/ Special decison taken at the Committee's 997th meeting.

2/ Special decision taken at the Committee's 973rd meeting.

3/ Special decision taken at the Committee's 973rd meeting.